



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July 5, 2011

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore, Councilmember Gallops and Councilmember-Elect Pankratz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no Executive Session items.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Convened into the Work Session at 5:30 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION ITEMS (5:30 P.M.)

- 3A. Discuss recommendations from the Golf Advisory Board for projects at the Waterview Golf Course. (15 minutes)

Staff gave a brief history on this item and discussed the recommendations. Stated the airflow on hole #13 was not adequate. Spoke concerning the green mower groomers. Stated staff is concerned with the precedence of the City purchasing the items for the golf course.

A member of Council stated tree preservation is important in regards with some trees being removed to improve the airflow.

Staff stated the golf course is responsible for course maintenance. Stated the purchase of the fans would be to save the trees.

A consensus was made by Council to move forward with the purchase of the two fans for better airflow to save the trees. Stated the mower groomers are for maintenance and the agreement with American Golf would need to be renegotiated since maintenance is included in the agreement.

3B. Briefing on use of marked police vehicles by off-duty police officers working neighborhood patrols for Home Owners Associations and Neighborhood Associations. (10 minutes)

Staff gave an overview of this item. Stated having marked police vehicles allow quicker responses and clearly defines the off-duty officer is in fact an officer. Stated this will also heighten the visibility of the patrol in the neighborhoods and increase the safety for the off-duty officer. Stated the vehicles that would be used for the patrols would be the School Resource Officer vehicles.

A consensus was reached by Council to use marked police vehicles by off-duty neighborhood patrols.

3C. Update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (25 minutes)

Staff gave a brief overview on this item.

Dr. John Collins, Professor at the University of North Texas, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the update.

Stated the goals for the analysis are:

- To provide parks and related amenities that will accommodate the current and future needs of the City's residents and visitors.
- To provide facilities related to recreation services that will accommodate the current and future needs of the City's residents and visitors.
- To continue to create a trail/greenway system that will provide both recreation and transportation needs for the community.
- To provide recreation programs that will accommodate the current and future needs of the City's residents and visitors.

Spoke regarding various analyses including:

- Population
- Supply
- Demand

Stated an online survey will be available on July 6, 2011.

Spoke concerning a Trails and Greenways Master Plan.

3D. Five-Year Employee Benefit Strategy: Year 1 and Year 2 Update. (35 minutes)

Staff gave an update on the 5-year Employee Benefit Strategy. Stated in an effort to gain greater control of the increasing cost of healthcare, the City of Rowlett transitioned from a traditional fully-insured insurance approach to a partial self-funded insurance approach.

Spoke concerning the City's progress in educating employees regarding shopping around for better healthcare. Spoke regarding various issues including creating and administering a cafeteria plan, premiums and deductibles, and the new CORE plan and GAP insurance.

Stated staff attempted to communicate with the employees more frequently by having employee meetings and writing articles that were placed in the employee newsletter.

Staff thanked the Council for their willingness to support a 5-year benefit strategy.

A member of Council voiced concern regarding the premium increase for those that did not participate in the biometrics screening. Suggested a discount for those who do participate thus encouraging participation by using a positive approach.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

**RECEPTION FOR THE OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER AND ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER
(7:00 - 7:30)**

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)

Convened into the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Jan Davis, First United Methodist Church.

POSTING OF COLORS

The Posting of the Colors was presented by the Rowlett Fire Rescue Honor Guard and the Police Department Honor Guard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Rowlett Fire Rescue Honor Guard and the Police Department Honor Guard.

TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Councilmember Kilgore.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Recognition of service, presentation and personal remarks from City Councilmember Place Three, Patrick Jackson.

Councilmember Jackson was recognized for his service and received an appreciation plaque. Councilmember Jackson thanked the citizens for their support.

- 5B.** Administration of Oath of Office and personal remarks from newly elected City Councilmember Place Three, Carl Pankratz.

Councilmember Pankratz was administered his Oath of Office by Associate Judge Pam Liston. Councilmember Pankratz thanked the citizens for their support and stated he looked forward to serving the community.

Councilmember Pankratz was seated at the dais.

- 5C.** Proclamation recognizing the month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month.

Councilmember Davis presented Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, a proclamation recognizing the month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month.

5D. Proclamation recognizing Play Day 2011.

Councilmember Gallops presented Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, and staff members a proclamation recognizing Play Day 2011.

Item 5F followed this item.

5E. Update on the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Plan CIP Spending Plan Projects.

This item followed Item 5F.

Several staff members presented an update regarding this item.

Spoke concerning the various projects including the Kenwood Heights Phase II construction, the Princeton Road rehabilitation, various lift stations, the alley reconstruction, the status of the President George Bush Turnpike, the sign replacement/pavement markings project, the asphalt overlay projects, the screen wall rehabilitation, various drainage projects, water and sewage issues, various landscaping projects, the Merritt Road Interconnector, the Miller Road Phase II construction, various street projects, the status of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Blue Line Light Rail Project, the Rowlett Road Phase II construction and Stormwater Management.

A member of Council questioned staff about the City becoming better prepared regarding infrastructure and additional housing within the City.

Staff stated the City is meeting with a consultant to formulate a plan to work on the issue of future build out.

5F. Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interests.

This item followed Item 5D.

Members of Council and Management gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including the success of the Rowlett Road street closure finishing ahead of schedule; the success of the Fireworks on Main Event; the low-cost animal vaccination clinics will be held on July 9th and July 30th at the Rowlett Animal Shelter; Early Voting for the Special Election is currently underway; Election Day is Saturday, July 16th at the City's Annex Building; the Rowlett Road Phase II Construction Meeting will be held at the Rowlett Community Centre on July 20th; the 2nd Annual Volunteer Fair will be held at the Rowlett Community Centre on July 28th; and the Library's Summer Read Program ends on July 30th.

Item 5E followed this item.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Harold Brody, 4317 Founders, Rowlett – Thanked Councilmember Jackson for his serving on the City Council.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 7A.** Consider approving minutes from the June 15, 2011 City Council Special Work Session, the June 21, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting and the June 27, 2011 City Council Special Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B.** Consider a resolution amending authorized representatives to access, transmit funds, issue letters of instruction, and take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds with the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool).

This item was approved as RES-081-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C.** Consider a resolution entering into an Interlocal Agreement with TIPS/TAPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) which is sponsored by the Region VIII Education Service Center for cooperative purchasing of goods, materials and services.

This item was approved as RES-082-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7D.** Consider amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 22-124 of Article III ("Fence Repair") of Chapter 22 ("Environment") to clarify violation criterion.

This item was approved as ORD-013-11 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Gallops, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 – Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

Abstain: 1 – Councilmember Pankratz

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8A. Consider an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Gottel read the item into the record.

Staff gave a brief presentation on this item and spoke concerning the amendments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Davis, to approve the item as read. This item was adopted as ORD-014-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

8B. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance approving text amendments to the following sections of the Rowlett Development Code: Section 77-807 (Conditional Use Permit); Section 77-902 (Regulations applicable to all Nonconformities); Section 77-507 (Public/Institutional and Commercial Building Standards); and Section 77-504 (Landscaping and Screening).

Mayor Pro Tem Gottel read the item into the record.

Staff gave a presentation concerning this item.

A member of Council voiced concern regarding the striking of the word 'not' from Section 77-807 and creating a new condition where a Conditional Use Permit is transferrable.

A member of Council voiced concern regarding the reduction of the compatibility buffer in Section 77-504.

The public hearing was opened and closed at 9:49 p.m. with no one speaking.

A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Gallops, to accept the change to Section 77-807 by restoring the word 'not' for 'not transferrable'; to approve Section 77-902 and Section 77-507 as read; and to table Section 77-504 pending

a Work Session discussion. This item was adopted as ORD-015-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

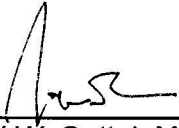
Ayes: 6 – Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There were no Executive Session items to discuss.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gottel adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Susie Quinn, City Secretary

Date Approved: July 19, 2011